

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 218  
By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Wallace Johnston, Jr.  
on being selected the 1996 Tennessee Tree  
Farm committee Tree Farmer of the Year.

WHEREAS, each year the Tennessee Tree Farm committee, after careful and thoughtful consideration of a number of highly qualified nominees, selects the Tennessee Tree Farmer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 Tree Farmer of the Year is Wallace Johnston, Jr., who is doing an outstanding job of forest and resource management; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Memphis, Mr. Johnston is the son of Walter and Katherine Johnston and is a graduate of the University of Alabama, where he received a degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, he grew up with a strong appreciation of the need for forestland to be carefully managed and maintained in a forested condition for both timber production, and as a wildlife habitat, as recreational areas, as protection for soil and water resources and as "green" areas; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Mr. Johnston began purchasing land for investment, recreation, and to keep forestland in forest production; and

WHEREAS, his Tree Farms in Tennessee consists of 882 acres of forested land, in three tracts, in Carroll, Hardeman and McNairy counties; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Johnston wisely purchased and invested in these tracts, planning for long-term, sustained forest productivity which would eventually yield a financial return; and

WHEREAS, using advice from the Tennessee Division of Forestry personnel, the Agricultural Extension Service and other, he has been very successful in his farming endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary tree farmer approaches his work with an exceptional business acumen. As both an investments manager and a tree farmer, Mr. Johnston is a strong believer in planning preparation and hands-on management; and

WHEREAS, he is also a firm believer in the importance of constant learning and regularly attending seminars, workshops, and field tours on various aspects of forest management, including timber taxes, estate management, pine management, and best management practices; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his Tree Farms serving as working models of sound forest and resource management, they have been widely used for informative BMP training and industrial tours, and are open to interested individuals and groups for examination and visits; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his Tennessee land holdings, Mr. Johnston owns forestland in Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, he serves admirably as West Tennessee Vice-President of the Tennessee Forestry Association and is an active member of the Tennessee Woodland Owners Association, the Tennessee Tree Farm Committee, the Rotary Club and Junior Achievement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnston is married to Carolyn S. Johnston, and they are the proud parents of one daughter, Mary, who is eight years old; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to salute the numerous accomplishments of a man who has made a major contribution to his business, to Tennessee and to his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Wallace Johnston, Jr., on being selected the  
1996 Tree Farmer of the Year and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.